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(d) and (e) It is premature to fix a target for the Eleventh Plan 2007—12 for allocation of funds for higher education/research.

Moily Committee Report

1192. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:

SHRI DARA SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Oversight (Moily) Committee has submitted its report to Government for implementation of proposed 27 per cent OBC quota in Central educational institutions;

(b) if so, what are the main recommendations made by the Committee;

(c) whether Government has so far examined contentious "issue of creamy layer" as well recommendations for creation of new infrastructure in Central educational institutions in order to admit 54 per cent more students from next year; and

(d) whether Government has agreed to Committee's recommendations for revision of financial package needed to implement the quota from Rs. 16,500 crore to Rs. 17,200 crore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A summary of recommendations is given in Statement (See below).

(c) and (d) The extent of reservation and eligibility there to were not part of terms of reference of the Oversight Committee, which was constituted to draw up a road map for implementing the policy of reservation in Centrally aided/maintained/established higher educational institutions. A separate Bill for this purpose has already been introduced in Parliament. Two Empowered Committees have been constituted to expeditiously consider the Detailed Project Reports in respect of the expansion programme of Central Institutions. The Eleventh Plan proposals have not been finalized in respect of financial projections made by the Oversight Committee.

Statement*The recommendations of the Oversight Committee-*

1. All Institutes of Higher Learning should fully implement the quota within the maximum period of three years and all such Institutes which have capacity to implement within less than three-year period, say within one year or within two years should do so without taking recourse to the three-year time frame.
2. Expansion of capacity of Higher Educational Institutions.
3. Faculty housing should be provided.
4. National Merit Scholarship scheme to be expanded.
5. ICT facilities for campuses should be provided.
6. Lifting recruitment ban in educational institutions in teaching and support cadres.
7. Enhancement of age of superannuation.
8. An Empowered Committee to be set up in each institution which would accord the necessary clearances.
9. Optimizing Teacher-Student ratios.
10. Enlarging research and encouraging innovation on campuses.
11. Remedial Courses for weaker sections.

Irregularities in textbooks of NCERT

1193. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the number of satellites of the planet Saturn has been mentioned as over 30 in the eighth standard science textbook (first edition in January, 2004) and as about 18 in the geography textbook (first edition in February, 2006) of sixth standard of NCERT;

(b) if so, the reasons for reduction in number of satellites of Saturn between 2004 and 2006; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to publish correct facts regarding geography and science in the textbooks being released by NCERT which is the premier research organization in the country for education?